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FOR ALLARD LOWENSTEIN, HRC DEL

E.O. 11652:

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SUBJECT: HUMAN RIGHTS COMMISSION: LOWENSTEIN CONSULTATIONS

1. DEPARTMENT LOOKS FORWARD TO YOUR CONSULTATIONS
FEBRUARY 25-26 WITH GREAT INTEREST AND BELIEVES THEM
PARTICULARLY TIMELY IN VIEW OF THE DESIRE TO CONTINUE
OUR ATTENTION TO HUMAN RIGHTS VIOLATIONS IN THE SOVIET
UNION IN THE CONTEXT OF AN OVERALL POSTURE OF GREATER
WILLINGNESS TO SPEAK OUT ON VIOLATIONS OF HUMAN RIGHTS
EVERYWHERE. YOU WILL NOTE, THEREFORE, THAT WE HAVE
DEVOTED PARTICULAR ATTENTION IN THE SUGGESTED CONSULTATION
IN PARA 3 TO COUNTRIES ON WHICH WE MIGHT WISH TO MAKE
STATEMENTS OF CONCERN DURING REMAINDER OF HRC SCHEDULE.
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2. THE INTERRELATIONSHIP OF THESE STATEMENTS AND THE
DESIRE TO BE SURE OUR INCREASED WILLINGNESS TO SPEAK
OUT WAS NOT FOCUSED ON TARGETS SELECTED GEOGRAPHICALLY
OR IDEOLOGICALLY WAS BEHIND OUR SUGGESTION THAT YOU
ARRANGE POSTPONEMENT OF THE DISCUSSION ON HUMAN RIGHTS
VIOLATIONS IN THE USSR. WE CONTINUE TO BELIEVE THAT

THIS DISCUSSION SHOULD BE HELD, SHOULD HAVE AS WIDE PARTICIPATION AS POSSIBLE, AND THAT THE FACT IT TOOK PLACE SHOULD BE A MATTER OF RECORD. WE WOULD RATHER SEE

THE PROPOSAL TO SEND A TELEGRAM UTILIZED TO BRING ABOUT THESE RESULTS THAN TO ACHIEVE A PROBABLY UNSUCCESSFUL AND CERTAINLY UNPOPULAR VOTE ON SENDING A TELEGRAM WHICH WOULD UNDOUBTEDLY RECEIVE NO ANSWER.

3. SUGGESTED SCHEDULE, BASED ON ASSUMPTION THAT YOU WILL BE IN NEW YORK EARLY FRIDAY MORNING FOLLOWS:

FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 24

1230 - ARA - LUNCH WITH DEPUTY ASSISTANT SECRETARY LUERS AND ARA STAFF

1400 - AF - MEETING WITH DEPUTY ASSISTANT SECRETARY EDMONDSON AND AF STAFF

1500 - IO - GENERAL DISCUSSION, INCLUDING 1503 PROCEDURES, TORTURE, AMNESTY WITH BAKER, CRAWFORD, SCHWEBEL AND DERIAN

1700 - SOV - SHULMAN, GARRISON

1800 - IO - BILL MAYNES, IO STAFF

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2000 - DINNER - JOHN BAKER

SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 25

AM - AF - AMBASSADOR SCHAUFELLE; D - MR. CHRISTOPHER;
NSC - DR. BRZEZINSKI (IF AVAILABLE)

(AMB. YOUNG WILL BE ENGAGED IN VIRTUALLY ALL OF SYG WALDHEIM'S FEBRUARY 25-26 SCHEDULE. HE WILL BE IN WASHINGTON PRIOR TO SYG ARRIVAL AT 1115 AND AFTER HIS DEPARTURE, WILL FLY TO ATLANTA. WE ARE ATTEMPTING TO SET UP A SATURDAY MORNING BREAKFAST WITH YOUNG IN WASHINGTON.)
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